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IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): John G. McBride

Application No.: 09/311,313

Filing Date: May 13, 1999

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER AN ELEMENT IN AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT IS A FEEDBACK ELEMENT

Confirmation No.:

Examiner: L. Garbow ski

Group Art Unit: 2825

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

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- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")  
( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

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(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	22	MINUS	22	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$400.00	3RD MONTH \$920.00	4TH MONTH \$1440.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

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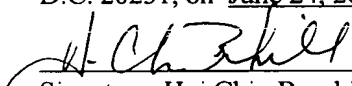
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action mailed April 24, 2002 (Paper No. 5) has been carefully considered.

In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims

Please substitute the following clean-text claim for claim 1.

1. (Once Amended) An apparatus comprising:  
logic configured to analyze information relating to the network to determine whether

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OK to enter  
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